

HOUSE No. 3846

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robert L. Rice, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to municipal emergency disaster relief payments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Robert L. Rice, Jr.	2nd Worcester
Jennifer L. Flanagan	Worcester and Middlesex
Stephen M. Brewer	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester
Harold P. Naughton, Jr.	12th Worcester
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Jennifer Benson	37th Middlesex
Lewis G. Evangelidis	1st Worcester
Robert S. Hargraves	1st Middlesex
Christopher J. Donelan	2nd Franklin
Dennis Rosa	4th Worcester
Benjamin B. Downing	Berkshire, Hampshire and Franklin
Robert P. Spellane	13th Worcester
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Michael F. Rush	10th Suffolk

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF PAYMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. For a reserve to provide special, non-recurring payments to certain municipalities for the
2 purpose of providing emergency disaster relief as related to damages associated with the ice storm of
3 December 11-12, 2008, declared a State of Emergency by His Excellency the Governor and under the
4 President's Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance; provided that such sums shall be
5 appropriated and paid to reimburse cities and towns determined eligible to receive federal funds by the
6 Federal Emergency Management Agency in the several counties, including but not limited to Worcester,
7 Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire and Berkshire; provided further, that the Commonwealth shall reimburse
8 said cities and towns of costs and expenses including, but not limited to, the necessary cleanup and
9 disposal of debris and to alleviate the danger and emergency posed by damaged and downed trees along
10 public streets and ways; provided further, that said disaster relief shall be available to said cities and
11 towns for the costs previously incurred and those required to be incurred as certified by the Massachusetts
12 Emergency Management Agency; provided further that said assistance shall not be less than twenty-five
13 percent of the total damage as certified by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.
- 14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.